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Philly Mayor Jim Kenney endorses Sen. Elizabeth Warren

Wednesday morning, Sen. Elizabeth Warren got her first big-city mayoral endorsement.

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Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney (left) and Sen. Elizabeth Warren (right). GETTY IMAGES

Presidential hopeful, Senator Elizabeth Warren was endorsed by Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney. Kenney is the first big-city mayor to endorse her.

Mayor Kenney shared a Tweet endorsing Sen. Warren, which read, "I am endorsing Elizabeth Warren for President because she is a tough and determined leader. She has what it takes to defeat Donald Trump and lead us in the post-Trump era. She will unite us and put power in the hands of working families – and get our nation back on the right track."

The tweet also has a video of Kenney explaining why he is backing Warren.

Metro also received a press release further exploring the endorsement, which read:

"Our nation is in crisis. We need strong and steady leadership in the post-Trump White House. We need a new President with a big vision and bold, progressive ideas to put power in the hands of working Americans – not the 1% at the top. We need a new President who will bring us together and build an America that works for everyone.

"I am endorsing Senator Warren for President today because she will unite us and put power in the hands of working families. Elizabeth Warren will rebuild our economy for the long-term. She'll tackle the housing and opioid crises, pass Medicare for All and fight for a Green New Deal to protect our children's futures and save our planet.

"Working families throughout the nation share common problems – whether you live in Philadelphia, Chicago or Des Moines, Iowa. We need a President who will focus on basic issues that impact working families," he said.

"This is a critical election that will determine our nation's future and our priorities. Elizabeth Warren is a tough and determined leader. She has what it takes to defeat Donald Trump and lead us in the post-Trump era. She will heal our nation and return stability and civility to our national discourse – while also focusing on the plight of working families in America.

"Elizabeth Warren and I share a progressive Democratic agenda. She'll focus on equality and equity of opportunity, lasting job creation, serious criminal justice reform, childcare, and pre-K education – along with secondary and post-secondary educational improvements and opportunities for all our children.

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>
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"It's time we get serious about fixing our problems and putting power in the hands of working families. We need Elizabeth Warren in the White House."

Multiple outlets report that Warren is honored to have the endorsement and shared that, "He [Kenney] has been a champion for working families in Philadelphia."

Additionally, she added, "With the Mayor's support, we can win in 2020 and make the big structural change we need so our government, our economy, and our country works for every person, not just the wealthy and well-connected."

The endorsement is a big deal for Warren because former vice president Joe Biden has deep ties within Pennsylvania. Additionally, Biden's campaign headquarters are in the state. Inqurier.com reports that Sen. Bob Casey of Pennsylvania and U.S. Reps. Dwight Evans and Brendan Boyle have endorsed Biden.

The announcement comes around a week after New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez announced her support of Sen. Bernie Sanders.

Google unveils quantum computer breakthrough

2 Alphabet Inc's Google said on Wednesday it had achieved a breakthrough in computing research by using a quantum computer to solve in minutes a complex problem that would take today's most powerful supercomputer thousands of years to crack. Google researchers expect that quantum computers within a few years will fuel advancements in fields such as artificial intelligence, materials science, and chemistry. The company is racing rivals including IBM Corp and Microsoft Corp to be the first to commercialize the technology and sell it through its cloud computing business. "We're hoping that when people start using this and looking at performance stability and cloud interface, they'll get really excited about what we have to offer at Google," John Martinis, the company's chief scientist for quantum hardware, told reporters. REUTERS

Zuckerberg grilled in U.S. Congress on digital currency

3 Facebook Inc CEO Mark Zuckerberg conceded on Wednesday that the company's planned digital currency Libra was a "risky project," but sought to reassure skeptical U.S. lawmakers that it could lower the cost of electronic payments and open up the global financial system to more people. Sporting a suit and tie, Zuckerberg also fended off aggressive questions on election interference, free speech, hate groups and fake news from members of the U.S. House of Representatives Financial Services Committee. Representative Maxine Waters, the panel's fiery Democratic chair, quizzed Zuckerberg on Facebook's steps to combat misinformation and voter suppression ahead of the November 2020 U.S. presidential election. She also suggested policymakers should consider breaking up Facebook. REUTERS

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Suspect arrested in fatal shooting of toddler, another suspect still sought

Freddie Perez faces charges in the death of 2-year-old Nikolette Rivera.

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A suspect has been arrested and charged in the tragic death of a 2-year-old girl who was shot Sunday afternoon while sitting with her mother in her Kensington home.

The child, Nikolette Rivera, was killed when a bullet struck her in the back of the head as she was being held by her mother in their Water Street home. The child's father is believed to have been the target in the shooting, which is believed to be drug-related. Freddie Perez, 30, was arrested Tuesday night and faces murder charges in the girl's killing, though it's unclear if he was the person who pulled the trigger. Police on Wednesday were still searching for another man believed to be involved in the shooting.

"The investigating is still fluid, we are still looking for someone," Philadelphia Police Commissioner Christine Coulter told media. "We do not have that person's name but at the end of the day we believe that two people were involved, one of them is in custody. We will continue to work the case."

Police said they were able to locate Perez thanks to tips from the public as well as surveillance footage, which led them to a vehicle connected to the suspect.

Perez now faces charges of murder, including nine counts of attempted murder and conspiracy in Rivera's death, according to Inquirier.com.

Both Perez and the second suspect are believed to be responsible for another drug-related shooting that occured a few blocks away, just minutes earlier.

Police said the same rifle was used in both shootings.

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Chicago Teachers Hold Major Rally In Downtown Chicago As Strike Continues

Thousands of demonstrators take to the streets, stopping traffic and circling City Hall in a show support for the ongoing teachers strike on October 23, 2019 in Chicago, Illinois. Union teachers and school staff members are demanding more funding from the city in order to lower class sizes, hire more support staff, and build new affordable housing for the 16,000 Chicago Public Schools students whose families are homeless. GETTY IMAGES

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Police are seen at the scene where bodies were discovered in a truck container in Grays, Essex, Britain. REUTERS

Driver arrested after 39 found dead in truck near London

The industrial truck's origin point was in Bulgaria.

British police found the bodies of 39 people inside a truck at an industrial estate near London on Wednesday and said they had arrested the driver on suspicion of murder.

The discovery of the bodies – 38 adults and one teenager – was made in the early hours after emergency services were alerted to people in a truck container on an industrial site in Grays, about 20 miles (32 km) east of central London.

Police said the trailer had arrived at nearby docks having traveled from Zeebrugge in Belgium and the bodies were found just over an hour later.

The red cab unit of the truck was believed to have originated in Ireland. It had "Ireland" emblazoned on the windscreen along with the message "The Ultimate Dream." The driver, a 25-year-old man from Northern Ireland, remained in custody.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he was appalled by the news and was receiving regular updates about the investigation which was focused on human trafficking.

"We know that this trade is going on — all such traders in human beings should be hunted down and brought to justice," he said.

All those in the container were pronounced dead at the scene after the emergency services were called to the Waterglade Industrial Park, not far from docks on the River Thames.

Police said the trailer had traveled from Belgium to Purfleet and landed shortly after 12:30 a.m. on Wednesday (2330 GMT Tuesday). It left the port on the truck at about 1:05 a.m. and ambulance services notified police about the discovery of the bodies at 1:40 a.m.

Originally it was thought both parts of the vehicle had entered Britain at Holyhead in North Wales on Saturday and to have originally started its journey in Bulgaria.

The Bulgarian Foreign Ministry said while the vehicle was registered in Bulgaria by a company owned by an Irish woman on June 19, 2017, it had left the next day and never returned.

Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borissov said his country had no other connection with the deaths.

Prime Minister Leo Varadkar said Irish authorities would carry out any investigations necessary if it was established that the truck had passed through Ireland.

Police officers in forensic suits spent the day inspecting the large white container on the truck next to warehouses and had sealed off much of the surrounding area of the industrial site with large green barriers as they carried out their investigation.

The truck was later driven away to a secure location at nearby Tilbury Docks so the bodies could be recovered.

"At this stage, we have not identified where the victims are from or their identities and we anticipate this could be a lengthy process," Essex Police Deputy Chief Constable Pippa Mills told reporters.

"I appreciate how much attention this incident will continue to attract and the public and media appetite to understand what's happened. We also need to understand what has happened," she added.

For years, illegal immigrants have attempted to reach Britain stowed away in the back of trucks, often seeking to reach the United Kingdom from the European mainland.

Separately on Wednesday, police in the neighboring county of Kent found nine people alive in a truck on the M20 motorway, heading towards London, Sky News reported.

In Britain's biggest illegal immigrant tragedy in 2000, customs officials found the bodies of 58 Chinese people crammed into a tomato truck at the southern port of Dover. It had begun its journey in Zeebrugge.

Jeremy Corbyn, the leader of the opposition Labour Party, said the latest deaths were an unbelievable human tragedy that needed answers. REUTERS

Giuliani associates accused of funneling money to pro-Trump group plead not guilty

President Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani has coffee with Ukrainian-American businessman Lev Parnas at the Trump International Hotel in Washington, D.C. on September 20, 2019. REUTERS

Two foreign-born Florida businessmen who helped U.S. President Donald Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani investigate political rival Joe Biden pleaded not guilty on Wednesday to illegally funneling money to a pro-Trump election committee and other politicians.

Ukraine-born Lev Parnas and Belarus-born Igor Fruman entered their not guilty pleas to federal campaign finance charges before U.S. District Judge J. Paul Oetken in Manhattan.

Federal prosecutors have accused Parnas and Fruman of using a shell company to donate $325,000 to the pro-Trump committee, America First Action, and raising money for former Texas Congressman Pete Sessions as part of an effort to have the Republican president remove the U.S. ambassador to Ukraine.

Parnas and Fruman's arrest at a Washington-area airport earlier this month, as they prepared to fly out of the United States on one-way tickets, was yet another political hazard for Trump amid a fast-moving impeachment inquiry by the Democratic-led U.S. House of Representatives.

Both Parnas and Fruman are free on bail.

The two men have been charged with conspiracy, making false statements to authorities and falsifying business records.

Joseph Bondy, a lawyer for Parnas, told reporters outside the courthouse he looked forward to proceeding based on the evidence, not "a smear campaign that's been driven by self serving and misleading leaks apparently from the highest levels of our government."

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> Joseph Bondy

Parnas himself also denied the charges against him.

"I will be vindicated," he said.

Prosecutors are examining Giuliani's interactions with the two men, according to a source familiar with the matter.

Giuliani has said Parnas and Fruman helped his efforts in Ukraine to investigate Biden and Biden's son Hunter. The younger Biden had served as a director of a Ukrainian energy company.

Giuliani has denied wrongdoing.

Edward McMahon, another one of Parnas' lawyers, said at Wednesday's court hearing he believed some documents obtained by prosecutors in the case could be protected by attorney-client privilege or executive privilege, because Giuliani had been Parnas' attorney and is Trump's personal attorney.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Rebekah Donaleski, one of the prosecutors, said there was already a legal team in place to deal with privilege issues.

Prosecutors said Parnas and Fruman funneled money from an unnamed Russian businessman to political candidates in several states to help the businessman obtain permits needed for a proposed marijuana business, which never materialized. U.S. law prohibits foreign donations to political campaigns.

Prosecutors say Parnas and Fruman committed to raise $20,000 for Sessions as part of an effort to get Trump to remove U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch. REUTERS

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Trump says Turkey's ceasefire in northern Syria now permanent

U.S. President Donald Trump is flanked by Vice President Mike Pence (L). GETTY IMAGES

Economic sanctions have been lifted.

U.S. President Donald Trump said on Wednesday a ceasefire in northern Syria is now permanent and he lifted sanctions on Turkey as a result, rejecting criticism of his decision to pull out U.S. troops and allow Kurdish allies to come under attack.

Trump's move, announced in a White House speech, did not blunt attacks from U.S. lawmakers over his abrupt decision early this month to withdraw U.S. troops out of northeastern Syria to clear the way for a Turkish invasion.

Trump described the truce as a "major breakthrough" negotiated by a team led by Vice President Mike Pence. Trump said he had instructed Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin to rescind the sanctions imposed on Turkey in response to its moves against the Kurds "unless something happens that we are not happy with."

"Countless lives are now being saved as a result of our negotiation with Turkey, an outcome reached without spilling one drop of American blood: no injuries, nobody shot, nobody killed," Trump said.

But questions remained about Trump's policy and Congress was still working on a sanctions package of its own intended to punish Turkey for its cross-border offensive.

Kurdish allies who helped the United States in its war against Islamic State militants felt abandoned by Trump, whose policy created an opening that Russia is capitalizing on by moving forces into the area. The fate of Islamic State militants in Syrian Kurdish prisons also remained up in the air.

Controversy surrounding Trump's Syria pullout has contributed to a climate of political chaos in Washington, where Democrats are seeking to remove Trump from office through impeachment over his attempts to get Ukraine to investigate Democratic rival Joe Biden.

"Three weeks after first announcing the troop withdrawal, the president does not seem to have a clear strategy for securing the enduring defeat of ISIS and fixing the mess he's created in Syria."

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer took to the Senate floor to excoriate Trump over Syria.

"Three weeks after first announcing the troop withdrawal, the president does not seem to have a clear strategy for securing the enduring defeat of ISIS (Islamic State) and fixing the mess he's created in Syria," said Schumer.

Trump continued his drumbeat of criticism of past U.S. efforts to keep American forces in the Middle East.

The United States will "let someone else fight over this long, blood-stained sand," he said.

"How many Americans must die in the Middle East in the midst of these ancient sectarian and tribal conflicts?" he said. "I am committed to pursuing a different course, one that leads to victory for America."

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Republican lawmakers storm hearing room, disrupt Trump impeachment inquiry

Republican lawmakers, encouraged by President Donald Trump to get tougher in fighting Democratic efforts to impeach him, disrupted the U.S. House of Representatives impeachment inquiry on Wednesday by storming into a high-security hearing room and delaying testimony by a key Pentagon witness.

More than two dozen Republican lawmakers who were not authorized to attend the hearing surged into the room where Laura Cooper, the U.S. defense official who oversees Ukraine and Russia matters, was due to testify behind closed doors before Republican and Democratic lawmakers.

The protesting Republicans began yelling complaints that the Democrats in charge of running the inquiry were conducting the

REUTERS

process in private, lawmakers and aides said. After a delay of around four hours, Cooper began her testimony.

In a dramatic confrontation during the escalating probe that threatens Trump's presidency even as he seeks re-election next year, the Republican lawmakers caused a standoff with the three Democratic-led House committees leading the inquiry before finally leaving the room.

The impeachment probe focuses on Trump's request for Ukraine to investigate a domestic rival – Democrat Joe Biden – for his personal political benefit.

By having Republican lawmakers barge into the hearing room, Trump's allies sought to put the focus on what they portray as unfair Democratic tactics rather than on the president's conduct.

"The American people have a voice in this process. They have a right to know. It should be in the sunlight," House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy told reporters. REUTERS

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Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. arrives at the United States Courthouse, for an appeals hearing regarding U.S. President Donald Trump's personal and corporate tax returns, Manhattan, NYC. REUTERS

Trump could shoot someone and escape prosecution, his lawyer argues

Statements prompt questions on extent of president's criminal immunity.

A lawyer for U.S. President Donald Trump told a federal appeals court Wednesday the president does not have to hand over his tax returns to New York state prosecutors because he is immune from criminal investigation.

William Consovoy, an attorney for the president, told the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that Trump has immunity until he leaves office and said prosecutors would not even have the power to do anything if Trump shot someone on 5th Avenue in New York City.

The remark echoed a past comment by Trump, who has said his supporters are so loyal that he could shoot someone on 5th Avenue and not lose a single vote.

The case, which pits Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance against Trump, is one of several legal battles in which the Republican president is seeking to shield his personal finances from scrutiny.

In August, Vance, a Democrat, subpoenaed Trump's personal and corporate tax returns from 2011 to 2018, and other records from the president's longtime accounting firm Mazars USA. The subpoena is part of a criminal probe into Trump and his family business. The scope of that probe is not publicly known.

Trump sued Vance's office in Manhattan federal court to block the subpoena, arguing that as a sitting president, he cannot be subject to criminal investigation.

"We view the entire subpoena as an inappropriate fishing expedition not made in good faith," Consovoy, a lawyer for Trump, told the three-judge panel on Wednesday.

Circuit Judge Denny Chin asked Convoy if authorities would be powerless to do anything if Trump shot someone.

"That's correct," Consovoy replied, adding that immunity would end if Trump were removed from office.

Carey Dunne, a lawyer for prosecutors, urged the judges to reject Trump's argument.

"There's no such thing as presidential immunity for tax returns," said the attorney Carey Dunne.

Dunne assured the court that if Vance's office obtained the tax returns, they would be kept confidential.

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"This case seems bound for the Supreme Court," Chief Judge Robert Katzmann said toward the end of the argument.

Earlier this month, a federal appeals court in Washington backed an effort by a House Oversight Committee to obtain Trump's financial records from Mazars.

The 2nd Circuit has put U.S. District Judge Victor Marrero's Oct. 7 order on hold until it considers the case. Vance's office has agreed not to enforce its subpoena for 10 days if the court rules in its favor, to give Trump time to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The U.S. Department of Justice has weighed in on the case, arguing that Vance must make a "heightened and particularized showing" that he needs the documents for his investigation. REUTERS

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U.S. attorney general calls for counseling, intervention to prevent mass shootings

U.S. Attorney General William Barr on Wednesday announced a new effort to prevent mass shootings through court-ordered counseling and supervision of potentially violent individuals.

The effort, announced in a memo to federal prosecutors and law enforcement officials, follows dozens of deadly mass shootings in the United States this year, including amassacre of 22 people at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, and another just one day later in Dayton, Ohio, in which nine people were killed.

The FBI was given expanded powers after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks to investigate foreign terrorism threats. But it has at times struggled to track home-grown threats and was criticized for not doing more after receiving warnings about a gunman who was later responsible for the February 2018 mass shooting at a high school in Parwkland, Florida.

Lawmakers are considering whether new laws are needed to help investigate those who are motivated by white supremacy, anti-Semitism and other extreme ideologies that are protected by the U.S. Constitution's free-speech safeguards.

Others, such as the gunman who killed 59 people in Las Vegas in October 2017, do not appear to have any ideological affiliation.

Barr said a training conference at FBI headquarters in December will consider new ideas to face threats such as enlisting psychologists and community groups.

In one successful case, Barr said, the FBI worked with parents and social-service workers to get court-ordered supervision and mental-health treatment for a young person who was the subject of a threat investigation.

Barr's announcement came on the same day that a handful of Republican senators led by Texas Republican John Cornyn unveiled proposed legislation that aims to prevent massshootings through collaboration with online platforms, expanded mental health treatment, stepped-up investigations of unlicensed firearms dealers and greater use of the death penalty.

Michael German, a former FBI agent now with the Brennan Center for Justice, said Barr's proposal risks encroaching on civil liberties and stigmatizing mental illness, he said.

> **"Barr's proposal risks encroaching on civil liberties and stigmatizing mental illness."**
>
> Michael German

"While studying gun violence and exploring all options to reduce it are important Justice Department functions, promoting simplistic but false profiles for law enforcement won't solve any problems and will only lead to abuse," he said in an email.

Some 341 people have been killed in mass shootings so far this year, according to the Gun Violence Archive, a group that tracks such incidents. That is a fraction of the 30,000 to 40,000 people who have been killed by gun violence in recent years, according to the group.

FBI data show that hate crimes that target victims based on race, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity have risen from 5,850 reported incidents in 2015 to 7,175 in 2017, the most recent year for which statistics are available.

The U.S. Homeland Security Department, created in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, unveiled a new strategy last month to better counter home-grown threats as well as those originating overseas – singling out white supremacy in particular.

The FBI has already taken some steps toward potentially utilizing social media and earlier this year requested bids for a contractor to help detect national security threats by trawling through social media sites.

The Justice Department's internal watchdog is currently reviewing the agency's efforts to identify homegrown terrorism threats. REUTERS

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Biden says Trump has no 'sense of empathy' for U.S. middle class

Trump accused of squandering Obama legacy.

Democratic U.S. presidential contender Joe Biden attacked President Donald Trump's economic policies on Wednesday, telling voters in the electoral battleground state of Pennsylvania that the middle class is "in trouble."

"I don't think Donald Trump is capable of understanding that - he doesn't seem to have any sense of empathy at all," Biden said before an audience of more than 200 people in Scranton, Pennsylvania, the Rust Belt town where he grew up.

Biden said Trump is squandering a strong economy left behind by former President Barack Obama, whom Biden served as vice president. Biden has focused his fire on the Republican president instead of the rivals in his own Democratic party.

"The middle class built this country," Biden said, but "they're in trouble" with many lacking healthcare or struggling to pay their bills.

Pennsylvania will be a key to the 2020 presidential election. Trump won the state in 2016 against Democrat Hillary Clinton by just 44,292 votes.

Trump is due to speak later on Wednesday at an oil-and-gas industry event in Pittsburgh. A spokeswoman for his campaign, Erin Perrine, said in a statement that Biden is out of touch with the American middle class.

"Under the Trump Administration workers are thriving, unemployment has hit record lows, wages are rising and all while taxes have been cut across the board - benefiting ALL Americans," she said.

Biden turned his attention to the economy after spending much of the past several weeks attacking Trump for his decision to pull forces out of Syria and the president's allegations, offered without evidence, about the foreign business dealings of Biden's son Hunter.

Trump is running on a jobs-and-growth program, touting unemployment rates at multi-decade lows during the longest U.S. economic expansion on record. Yet many voters are angry over economic inequality and slowing growth. REUTERS

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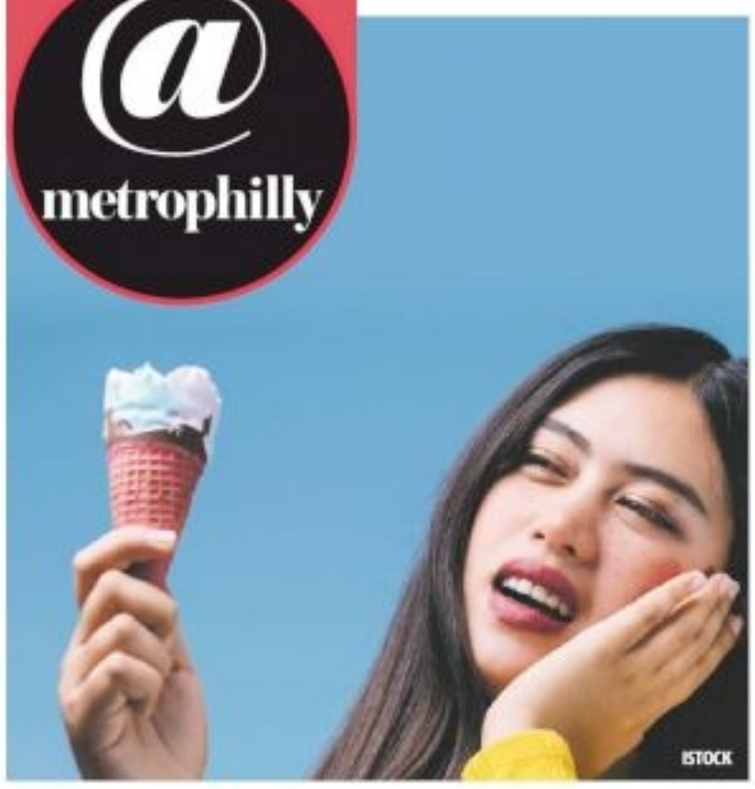

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I took out the 2 cones and poured them into one cup. They both then fit in one cup easily, not quite filling in fact. So if you are buying cones, recall that fact.

Margaret, *Metro US reader*

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Aries Take care of unfinished business. Less talk and more action will give you better insight into what you should do next. Arguing will be a waste of time and energy.

Taurus Your desire for change, excitement and novelty will prompt you to make a move. Take an all-or-nothing approach and enjoy the ride. Partnerships are accentuated.

Gemini Don't overlook the obvious. Someone will play mind games with you if you are too open about your feelings. Look inward and focus on health and emotional well-being.

Cancer You are overdue for a makeover, change of location or new daily routine. Shake things up and let your heart guide you. Love, self-improvement, children and relationships are favored.

Leo If something needs to be done, do it. Don't wait for someone else to step in or complain. A change at home may not be something you want, but it may be necessary.

Virgo You need to get out more. Experience is the spice of life, and it will give you plenty to think about regarding your current situation and where you see yourself heading.

Libra Don't respond to demanding people. You have a choice, and you should put your energy and effort into something that will benefit you, not someone else.

Scorpio You can make a strategic move that will help you financially, emotionally or legally. Look at every angle and make a practical, carefully considered adjustment. Romance is featured.

Sagittarius Listen to others, but don't take everything you hear literally. Someone will offer information that isn't accurate. Don't let your emotions get the better of you. Separate fact from fiction.

Capricorn Dig in and finish what you start. A chance to get ahead financially looks promising. Look over contracts, settlements and investments. A proposal will encourage personal and professional rewards.

Aquarius Keep your head down and your focus where it belongs. If you let someone mess with your mind, you will end up making a mistake that costs you emotionally and financially.

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Peter Hook on reclaiming the songs of New Order

The musician will play the New Order albums "Technique" and "Republic" on tour.

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Peter Hook knows that he still has his work cut out for him. The legendary bassist of the seminal British post-punk band Joy Division and later the alternative-pop sensation New Order has been touring the world with his band, Peter Hook and the Light, devoting tours to recreating some of the classic recordings throughout his career for audiences dying to hear them. For his current tour, Peter Hook and the Light will be performing the New Order albums "Technique" and "Republic" in full as well as some fan favorites and a set devoted the Joy Division era.

That's the simple and pleasant part of the story, of course. When I spoke with the music legend over the phone, he explained to me that he would not be performing these records on the road — 13 at this point with only three left to go in the catalog, in his words — if it were not for the unceremonious split of New Order back in 2007. Since then, Hook formed this band as a way to just simply play music. But when the band New Order reformed without him, he took it personally. And rightfully so.

"When New Order split up in 2007, one of my great frustrations with the band was the songs that we didn't play," Hook explains. "We played a very similar set list all the time. There's so many great songs that we just ignored, that Barney [Bernard Sumner, vocalist and multi-instrumentalist of New Order] didn't want to play. Yeah, it was a hell of a frustration. So the thing is, is that when I started doing Joy Division, celebrating Joy Division in 2010, it seemed sort of logical to do the same thing with New Order. Now, when they found out that I was going to celebrate New Order, I'm pretty sure that's when they decided to get the band back together again behind my back, you know? And excluding me, shall we say, from it, because they knew that I was going to do New Order. Maybe they thought they were either going to get it back or I was going to steal it from them. But I mean, certainly I had no intention of using the New Order name. To me it's all about the music. I don't want to pretend to be something I'm not. It's about enjoying the music that I helped to write, and that everybody else is ignoring."

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While Hook has been out on the road with his band, treating fans to performances of these albums in their intended sequences and playing, airtight, precision performances, I ask him if he feels a sense of reclamation of the material they are playing. To that question, Hook offered a blunt yet frank answer.

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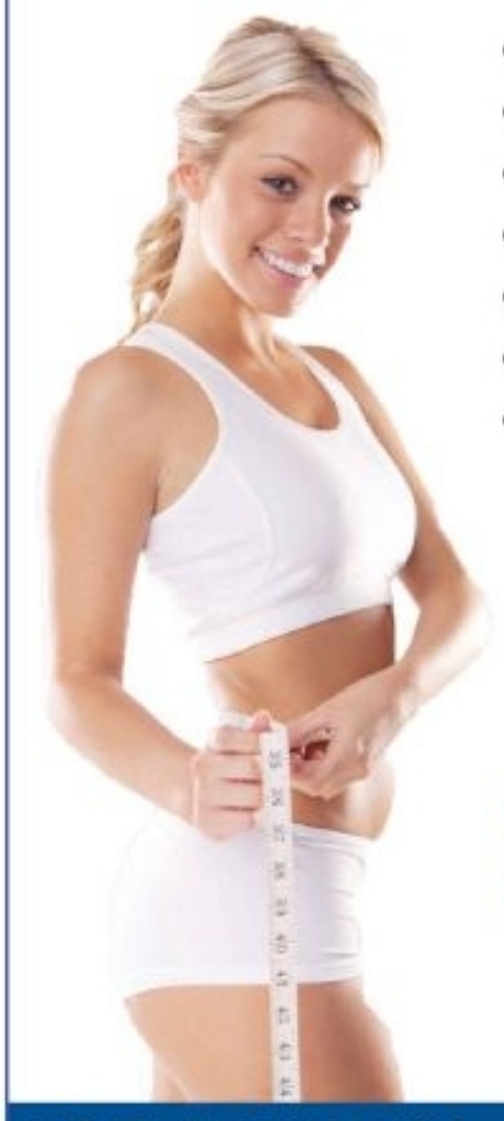

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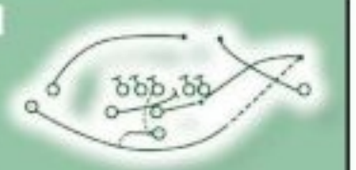

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"Yeah, I mean put it this way: I've got a great relationship with New Order's songs. I just wish I had great relationships with the other members of New Order," says Hook. "I've got the songs back. Me and the songs are in love. It's the honeymoon period. We're all over each other. Unfortunately, with the other members of New Order, we're still in the ... shall we say cutting the trousers in half and looking at the cat with a saw, and things like that. Very, very bad divorce still ongoing, shall we say."

As such an integral part of the classic sounds Joy Division and the innovative dance-forward territory that New Order created during this period, can you really blame Hook for his enthusiasm for celebrating the material night after night? With both of these records in particular, Hook is not only rekindling his love of material that may have been made during a fraught and tense time in the band, but fully realizing songs he believed never reached their potential in the studio.

"The interesting thing about playing 'Technique' and 'Republic,' obviously they're very different. And they were also written ... maybe I can't say under very different circumstances. But certainly one, we were definitely a group, shall we say. The second one, we were definitely not a group. I think our attitude toward each other was probably pretty much the same, truth be told. But 'Technique' is very well known in England, and 'Republic' isn't. Whereas in America, 'Republic' was our best-selling album. So even much bigger than 'Technique.' So it's going to be interesting to see what the reaction is. I mean it's a tough LP. 'Technique' is tough to play. It's not easy. 'Republic,' because of its different feel, is quite difficult to play. And there's a wonderful sense of achievement when you do get it right. Probably, people don't notice. But we do, because we've had to work so hard to get it up to a standard," says Hook.

Reclaiming these records, in a figurative way, is no small feat for Hook and he is finding both a sense of enjoyment and closure while celebrating them for the influential achievements that they are. That is to say, no matter how challenging it can be to pull off the material night after night.

"This [set] is quite a challenge, actually. We've played long sets before, but this set that we'll be playing in America is two hours and 45 minutes. It starts off with a Joy Division set, then we do 'Technique,' then 'Republic,'" says Hook. "So yeah, it is a hell of a set. But I must admit, it flies by. I'm enjoying it immensely, absolutely. It's probably the only time that I truly relax with anything [in] regards to New Order, is when I play the music. Because outside of playing the music, it's still so angsty and so dysfunctional. But yeah, the only respite you get is when you play the music."

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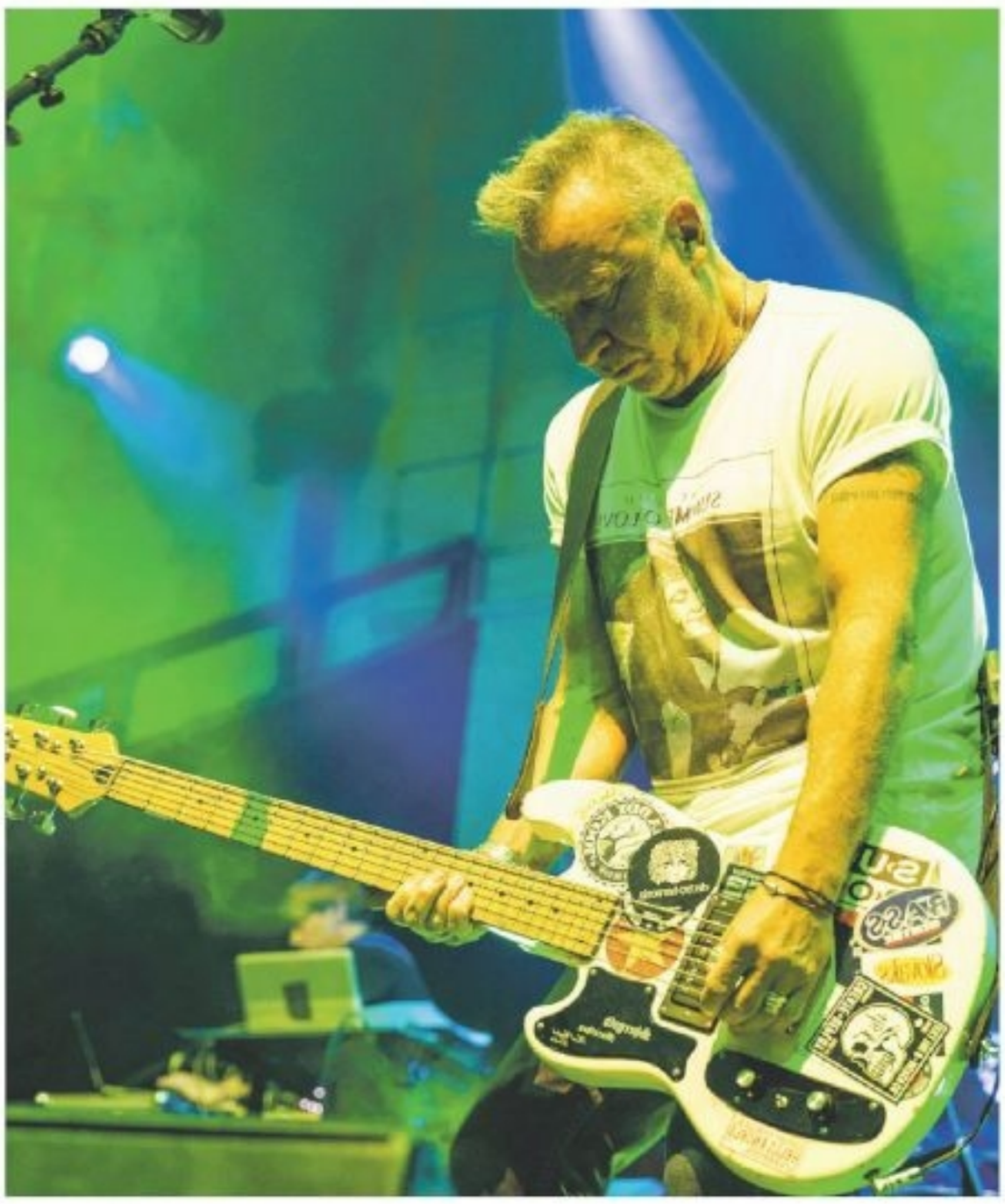

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Everyone, at some point in their life, needs a little bit of advice. In Cheryl Strayed's memoir "Dear Sugar" the popular writer discusses her time as an advice columnist and encloses some of the most powerful letters that came across her computer. The book has taken on a life of its own, so much so that the book was adapted for the stage by Nia Vardalos ("My Big Fat Greek Wedding") so that more people could witness the magic of Sugar and her life-changing experiences. The play's director Maura Krause, and lead Emilie Krause sat down with Metro to discuss the show and their inspirations for bringing this emotionally charged and beautifully relatable show to life.

How familiar were you with Cheryl Strayed before taking on this project?

Maura: The book had actually come into my life from a friend in a moment that really meant a lot to me. I also read "Wild" because I'm a big hiking person, so I did have a connection to some of the material. However, one of my favorite letters in this book which is not in the adaptation a friend and I had used a piece of it to make another show back in 2015 or 2016 although we just mentioned it, we didn't quote it.

Emilie: To be honest, I'm not a memoir person. But it's funny, because when I started working on the show I just thought, "Okay, suck it up and dive into memoir town." Now this book, specifically, is really growing on me, it's fun to explore from this different perspective. I did have a vague awareness of "Dear Sugar." but whenever I mention that I'm working on a play based on that column, people just perk up. There's really a cult sort of following for the column, it means a lot to some people.

Emilie, how would you describe your character?

Emilie: The character's name is Sugar and she's based on the real-life exchange between a writer named Cheryl Strayed and anonymous people who wrote letters to her for advice. So there's this nebulous thing that's happening where Sugar is a character that Cheryl Strayed was tapping, and now I'm playing Cheryl Strayed playing this meta character named Sugar. The approach that I'm taking is finding what is true between three things: myself, Cheryl Strayed as far as I know her and can get to know her writing, and this idea of Sugar. So somewhere in the middle of those three points is where this character is ending up.

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Maura, what kind of direction are you taking with the show to bring this complex story to life?

Maura: I think the first thing that I started with was how genuine can we make this play? Because the work is so beloved and the letters were written by real people, and obviously Cherly herself is a real person with a ton of life experience. It felt like the only way to be respectful to all of that was to try to create the most genuine space possible. What we're doing is simple and straightforward, we're not performing someone else's grief or struggle for example. We're trying to find what in that is true for us and share it with the audience. That manifests in everything from the design being straight forward to inviting the actors to invest some of who they actually are in portraying these roles.

Are there any themes that stick out to you in the show since it is so emotionally involved?

Emilie: So many people throughout the world in their own individual lives have ways that they suffer, sometimes it's small and sometimes it changes the whole course of your life. [The show] can feel like a river, and you step into the river of all of these people's lives. Sugar opens the computer and there's this sort of flood of letters and you step into the current of people reaching out and needing help. That reaching out that they do and writing the letters actually becomes a theme, and Sugar ends up reflecting back to them. What ends up becoming the advice is from the question and the answer, so the whole theme of the play is that this act of healing can only come from both the question and the answer together.

Maura: The only thing I would add is that there is an extreme power in togetherness. That's something that I would say is a major theme in the play and it's something you discover in the text. The beauty of that is we are able to invite the audience into this world so it doesn't feel as lonely.

What do you hope audiences take away from the show?

Emilie: I hope that it's going to be an odd little experience for them. It's not the kitchen sink drama, it's not a Shakespeare play, it's a sort of a different kind of experience. We're talking about being genuine and being present

so the dream is that the audience comes into the theater and we speak to each other and we speak to them until we have this sort of odd, intimate, truthful experience.

Maura: I hope that the audience takes away a more layered understanding of generosity. In order to make this play, the rehearsal room has to be so incredibly generous. All of these actors and the production team need to be generous for all of these emotions that we need to delve into to represent these people in this play. I think generosity is a thing that can make the world slightly easier to move through. But there are pieces to the puzzle: When should you be generous to someone? When should you have a boundary? When should you be generous to yourself? Why is that so hard sometimes? If the audience can come away with even a little more thought around that I'll be happy.

"Tiny Beautiful Things" will be on stage at the Arden Theatre Company Oct. 24-Dec. 8. For more information, tickets and showtimes visit ardentheatre.org

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That's right, Kirk Cousins … yup, Kirk "They were ready to run me out of Minnesota three weeks ago" Cousins has the best passer rating in the NFL right now at 114.3.

The brunt of Cousins' excellent outings have come at home this season, but the Vikes QB was brilliant against the Giants at the Meadowlands in Week 5, carving them up for 306 yards on 22-of-27 passing with a pair of TDs and no interceptions. He also had his best game of the season on the road this past Sunday as he lit up a stingy Lions defense for 337 yards and four touchdowns.

Cousins and the Vikings will be back on the road Thursday night to face the brutally bad Redskins, and Cousins will be all too giddy to bury Washington – his former team that never fully trusted him.

All told, the Redskins defense has not been atrocious – particularly after they fired Jay Gruden two weeks ago. The Washington D allowed just 16 points to the Dolphins and then just nine points to the 49ers this past Sunday.

The big problem with the Redskins right now though is scoring, and they won't find any openings against a Vikings defense that is giving up just 17.6 points per game.

Minnesota is also 5-2 against the spread so far this season (tied for second in NFL), and the Redskins are just 2-5 ATS. The spread is a massive 16 points, but here's saying that Minnesota – which is arguably the hottest team in the league right now - will get there.

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One bettor put $110 on the New York Knicks to win the 2019-20 NBA title at 1000-1 odds at William Hill on Oct. 2.

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Best bets

NFL Week 8 betting: Panthers at 49ers

Two teams riding sizable winning streaks, the Carolina Panthers (four in a row) and San Francisco 49ers (6-0 this season), meet at Levi's Stadium this Sunday. San Fran should prove superior in spite of Carolina coming off a bye week.

49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo is now 12-2 as their starter but San Francisco is led on offense by their fleet of running backs that stars Georgia Southern product Matt Breida (5.6 yards per carry, 73 attempts). The Niners are second only to the Ravens in rushing yards per game (172.7). The Panthers are a modest 23rd in rushing yards allowed per game (119), so look for San Francisco to control the clock throughout. Not coincidentally, they're second to Baltimore in time of possession (34:46) this year while Carolina is 25th (28:25).

ROBERT CRISCOLA

Running back Christian McCaffrey has been a one-man wrecking crew for the Panthers this year (153.8 yards from scrimmage per game) but faces his toughest assignment yet in the 49ers' tenacious defense that's second in scoring (10.7 points allowed per game) and yards allowed per game (223.5).

The play: 49ers -5

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With Cubs off the market, Phillies' chance at Girardi continues to improve

The Phillies are believed to be the front-runners for the 2009 World Series winner.

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The Chicago Cubs named former catcher David Ross as their next manager, replacing Joe Maddon as the bench boss at Wrigley Field.

That's one more suitor out of the running for Joe Girardi — who was an early favorite for the Cubs job after they parted ways with Joe Maddon at the end of the 2019 season — as he remains linked with the Phillies.

Their main competition for the former Yankees skipper? The NL East-rival Mets, who are believed to have Girardi as one of their top options.

However, the Mets aren't necessarily showing a true direction in their managerial search.

Girardi's name is on a shortlist that also includes Carlos Beltran, Luis Rojas, Eduardo Perez, and Tim Bogar. However, a "bombshell" candidate, per reports, is also entering the fray to cast further uncertainty on the Mets' intentions.

That's good news for the Phillies, who seem to be closing in on Girardi, per multiple reports — some suggesting he will be named the team's next manager sometime this week.

He interviewed for a second time with the Phillies on Monday before meeting with the Mets for a second time as well on Tuesday.

Per Matt Breen of the Philadelphia Inquirer, Girardi left Citizens Bank Park earlier this week as the "leading candidate."

Signing Girardi to a deal would state the Phillies' immediate intentions of going all-in in 2020. While upgrades to the bullpen, starting rotation, and bench are needed, a healthy Phillies team should make a considerable amount of noise in the National League.

Getting a baseball mind like Girardi's — who brings a no-nonsense approach to the dugout — provides a manager that knows what it takes to win a World Series. He took the 2009 crown with the Yankees in just his third season as an MLB manager with personalities like Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez in his ranks.

The 55-year-old is also known for his hesitancy to take advice from the front office. This is a manager that wants to fill out the lineup card on his own daily and receive little feedback from the general manager.

Given general manager Matt Klentak's shaky standing with the organization — Phillies owner John Middleton went over his head to bring on Charlie Manuel as the hitting coach before deciding to fire Gabe Kapler and conduct this managerial search — that might be exactly what the organization is looking for.

Among other initial managerial candidates for the Phillies were Buck Showalter and Dusty Baker, the two most experienced names on the market with a combined 42 years of service between them.

They would be the obvious fall-back options if Girardi goes to the Mets.

Joe Girardi remains the favorite for the Phillies' managerial job. GETTY IMAGES

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Eagles' Cox fends off burglar with shotgun

The Eagles defensive lineman missed practice last week after what was labeled as an illness.

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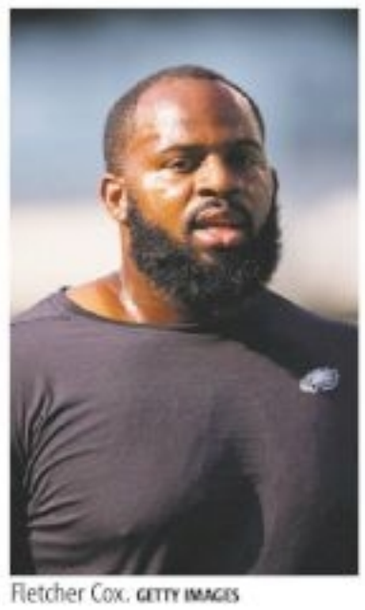
There was a concern during the middle of last week about Philadelphia Eagles defensive lineman Fletcher Cox's status to play the Cowboys on Sunday night.

The 28-year-old missed practice on Wednesday with what the Eagles described as an "illness."

While there were no details about it, Cox was back with the team on Thursday and was on the field during Sunday night's loss.

It turns out, however, that Cox's absence wasn't because of an illness.



Fletcher Cox. GETTY IMAGES

A report from ABC 6 on Wednesday morning revealed that Cox had to fend off a burglar with a shotgun.

"According to court records, Corbyn Nyemah showed up at Cox's house looking for his ex-girlfriend," Chad Pradelli of ABC 6 wrote. "Nyemah allegedly damaged her vehicle before attempting to forcibly enter the home by throwing rocks through the front door."

Nyemah was also caught on video surveillance circling the property with a baseball bat before trying to enter the garage of Cox's Mullica Hill, NJ home.

Cox grabbed his shotgun and called the police, forcing Nyemah to flee in his Porsche SUV. He was apprehended and arrested later in the week.

While the Eagles could have used the "illness" tag as a way to give Cox the day off while giving him the privacy to sort things out, the team could now be facing sanctions from the NFL for lying on their injury report.

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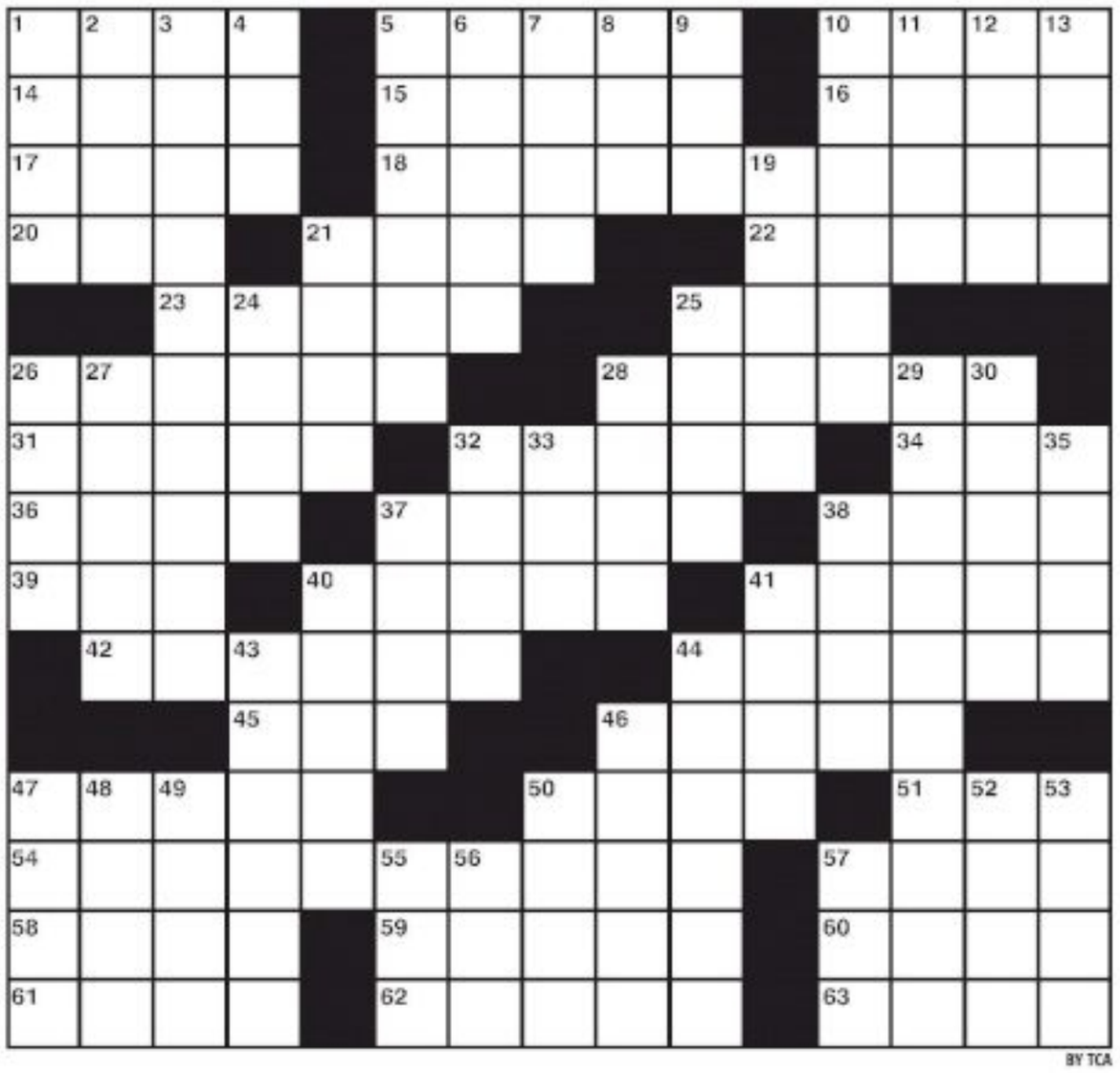

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